

# THE Home Front

A POST 116 NEWSLETTER

District 11, Division 3, Dept. of North Carolina | 6400 Johnson Pond Rd., Fuquay-Varina, NC, 27526 | 919-552-7056

January 2025

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

David Rossner, Commander, Post 116



### HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year. We had a lot of Christmas events last month that I hope everyone had a chance to be a part of at least one of them. The visit with Santa was one of the best we ever had. It was like a Hallmark movie. Santa, treats, crafts and food. Auxiliary and SAL Christmas party was exceptional. The post participated in both the Fuquay Varina Christmas Parade and Holly springs Christmas Parade. The Post 116 Honor Guard lead the FV Christmas Parade when the FV Police Department Honor Guard had to pull out of the lead position. The rumor was they couldn't handle the pressure, or they all got sick? The reason depends on who you talked to! No matter what the reason thanks to our team for stepping up. Great Job! We had our own Tree lighting ceremony before the General meeting and participated in Wreaths Across America where we put out over 600 wreaths to honor our Veterans. Lastly, we brought back Christmas tree sales at the post. This was more work than I thought but we made almost \$4300.00 in about ten day and we sold everything but one tree. Thanks to everyone who helped plan, organize and participated in all of our December events.

### NEW CHANGES COMING

At our December General meeting we had a special vote on a motion brought to the General membership by the Buildings and Grounds Committee on having a new parking lot put in. This motion was preapproved by Ways & Means, Building & Grounds, Finance, and the Executive Committee. The reason this motion had to go before the General membership was according to our Bylaws any amount of money spent over \$12,500 that is not already in the budget must be approved by the general membership. The motion was overwhelmingly approved.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER *Continued*

Just so everyone understands the process. We put out a scope of work, (SOW), and received four bids, the bids were reviewed and a winner was chosen by the Ways & Means Committee. The bid was reviewed by Buildings & Grounds, Finance and the Executive Committee. All committees voted to accept the bid. Then final approval came from the general membership.

The Parking lot will go on the side or the driveway where the horseshoe pits are. The trees will be removed and a lot of dirt will be removed and put in the field by the flag pole to raise the level of the ground on that side of the driveway. Fabric will be laid down and gravel put down over the fabric. This will add about 64 parking spaces, more than doubling what we have now. There will be two entrances and exit areas to the new parking lot. Construction will begin in mid-February 2025.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you have not renewed your membership please do it as soon as possible. We still have a way to go to meet our 2025 goal for renewals. We are currently at about **88%**. The membership committee is currently looking for people to help do buddy checks for our members. A buddy check is simply a phone call to members to check on them and make sure they are ok. If you have the time to call maybe 15-20 people that would be a great help. Please contact the membership committee if you would like to help. [membership@alpost116nc.org](mailto:membership@alpost116nc.org). Thanks.

Just a reminder that there is no Fish Fry in January or February. The next fish fry will be 7 March 2025. Everyone, have a great New Year and hope to see you at the Post.

David Rossner

Commander Post 116



FIRST FRIDAY



\$12  
Per Plate

**MARCH 7th**

HOT

fishpuppies,  
& Home-made Cole Slaw

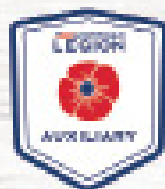
**PICK UP or CURBSIDE**

order from your car and we'll happily bring it out

**PICK UP or DINE IN**

Bldg 1 Hall will be open

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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LEGION

POST  
116



**MONIKA  
JAYMES**  
PERFORMANCE

**JAN 11 7-10p**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

6400 JOHNSON POND RD. FQY-NC

# COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS Continued

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Paul Ferris  
membership@alpost116nc.org

### RENEWAL IS IN FULL SWING

The American Legion membership is based on the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) shown on your membership card. National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1st. The reason for this, and the goal, is to have everyone renewed for the new membership year when it begins on January 1st.

To be eligible for monthly prize drawings, renew your American Legion membership **before September 15th**. Renew early. Be an Early Bird. Get some swag!

### EARLY BIRD INCENTIVES!

Monthly prizes and Membership Card lamination will be available for TAL Members that achieve Early Bird renewal status (renewing membership between 01 Jul - 15 Sep).

### MONTHLY DRAWINGS AND PRIZES

**Jul.** (2 winners):

- A** ▶ 1x American Legion Polo shirt\*
- ▶ 1x \$20 Emblem Sales Gift Certificate

- B** ▶ 1x American Legion Polo shirt\*

#### Aug.

- ▶ 1x American Legion Polo shirt\*

#### Sep.

- ▶ 1x American Legion H2GO Stainless Steel Water Bottle

#### Oct. | Jan. | Apr.

- ▶ 1x American Legion Polo shirt\*

#### Nov. | Dec. | Feb. | Mar. | May | Jun.

- ▶ 1x American Legion Travel Mug

\* (winner's choice of shirt) (valued at \$27.99)

## LEGIONNAIRES (Did You Kow?)

Active member numbers are published by National once payments are processed. Renewal payments made in the Rec Room or by check can take **UP TO 3 WEEKS** to process at the National level!!

Renewals online process at National level in about 60 seconds!

Renew online at <https://www.legion.org/renew>



## WINNERS

Contact: [membership@ALPost116NC.org](mailto:membership@ALPost116NC.org)

- A** July 2024 - **James Linn (203803073)**
- B** July 2024 - **Steven Hendren (203604551)**
- August 2024 - **Michael Clark (204864679)**
- Sept. 2024 - **Brendan Owens (204943814)**
- Oct. 2024 - **Russell Milette (204563783)**
- November 2024 - **Philip Zabawa (02378361)**
- December 2024 - **Larry Schinske (204229151)**

	2024 Achieved	2025 Goal	Target* Number
31 Jul	37%	40%	456
30 Aug	56.89%	60%	684
15 Sep	58.57%	65%	741
31 Oct	67%	80%	912
30 Nov	76.91%	90%	1026
31 Dec	89.10%	100%	1140
31 Jan	100%	103%	1175

## MEMBERSHIP STATUS Jan 1, 2025

Current Active: 1011 (88.68%)

Retention: 889 (78.40%)

We are currently 15 members short of our benchmark of 90% at the end of December and 129 short of our 100%. If you have not renewed already, please renew now.

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## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA BY-LAWS, ARTICLE IV

Section 5. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by January 1 shall be classed as delinquent. If dues are paid on or before February 1 reinstatement shall be automatic. If still delinquent after February 1 all privileges shall be suspended. If still under such suspension on June 30 of such year, membership in the American Legion shall be forfeited. **A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs.**

## DUES ARE DUE

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### PAST DUE

**JAN 1**

DELINQUENT  
STATUS

### PAID BY

**FEB 1**

REINSTATEMENT  
IS AUTOMATIC

### AFTER

**FEB 2**

SUSPENDED  
PRIVILEGES

**Renewals online process at National level in about 60 seconds!**

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# COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS Continued

## ADJUTANT'S ARENA

Paul Ferris

### RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2025 in FULL SWING

We know that we're the best Post in the Department. Now, we can show every Post in the Department what we know.

### DEPATMENT AWARDS

Award	Achievement	Deadline Date
Cardinal Award <b>UNLOCKED</b>	Transmit 50% of their membership goal to Department Headquarters by deadline date	September 26, 2024
Carolina Award <b>MISSED</b>	Attain 100% membership goal by Veteran's Day	November 11, 2024
Dogwood Award <b>MISSED</b>	Reach 100% membership goal by December 31st	December 31, 2024
First to 100%	FIRST Post in each class that makes 100% of its 2025 Membership Goal	Variable

### Post 116 Oratorical Competition Site: Post 1, Raleigh

Date: 25 Jan 2025

Post 116 winner to advance to District 11 Competition.

District 11 Oratorical Competition completed

Date: 16 Jan 25 – 11 Feb 25

Division 3 Oratorical Competition completed

Date: 12 Feb 25 – 02 Mar 25

Department of NC Oratorical Competition (Post 6, Chapel Hill)

Date: 29 Mar 2025

2025 Oratorical Contest National Finals

Date: 16-18 May 2025

Currently, there are only five Posts in North Carolina that are in the Class A Category.

(500 and above members): Jan 1, 2025

- Fuquay-Varina Post 116 (88.68%)**
- Hendersonville Post 77 (77.96%)**
- Wilmington Post 10 (77.83%)**
- Calabash Post 503 (72.36%)**
- Hickory Post 48 (67.92%)**

### Upcoming Happenings

Dec – Jan 2024

Post Oratorical Competition

31 Jan 2025

Nomination for Honor Guard recognition due to Department

01 Feb 2025

District 11 Meeting (Post 187 – Wake Forest)

13-15 Feb 2025

Department of NC Mid-Winter Conference (Raleigh)

Dept. Commander	Dept Vice Commander (Div. 3)	Dist. 11 Commander
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Tom Cerniglia

Jim Zajc

Pam Meek



# SERVICE OFFICER ASSISTANCE

## You may be entitled to disability benefits from the VA

- Get help in filing a claim
- Overcoming obstacles
- Increasing your benefits status



### CONTACT

**CHRIS ROBINSON**

Service-Officer@ALPost116NC.org

Call +1 919-987-0188 for an appointment

### OFFICE HOURS

Thursdays 10a-3p

Building 2 Museum



# COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORT

## HONOR/COLOR GUARD

Mike Carrieri  
carrierimike@gmail.com

## MEETING INFO

January 18  
0900 | Bldg. 2

## PARADE OF HONOR

As usual the end of the year affords the Honor/Color Guard many opportunities to represent the Post and the American Legion in the community. The major events were the annual Fuquay Varina and Holly Springs Christmas parades. The Fuquay parade was huge! The Police Department Color Guard that was originally slotted to lead the parade was unable to participate, so our Color Guard was moved to the front to be the lead marching element of the 92-entry parade. We also were the lead element in the Holly Springs parade as we always have been. Both events provided us with an opportunity to prominently represent the Legion in both local communities. In addition, we assisted a community member with folding a flag that had been draped on his father's (a WWII vet) coffin so it could be placed in a display case. While not a major event, it was gratifying to help a veteran even after his passing so his family could proudly display the flag that honored their loved one. It has been an exceptional and exciting year for the Honor Guard and as we close 2024, we look forward to many more opportunities to represent the Post in the community. We hope everyone has a joyful and healthy New Year!!



Our next meeting is on 18 January, 0900-1100 in Bldg 2. We are always looking for new members! We are really in need of new members and emphasize that **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!** If you would like to feel the enormous satisfaction in and honor of representing the Legion in the community and experiencing the solemn privilege of honoring veterans who have passed.

Please join us!

# THE REC ROOM WITH Kelly

SUN. 12p-8p M-Th. 2p-10p FRI.-SAT. 12p-11p

recroom@alpost116nc.org



## 2024 HAS COME TO A CLOSE, BRING ON 2025!

We will have Monika Jaymes playing on the 11th and Maskell Freeman Band on the 25th from 7-10pm. We hope you come out and enjoy the live music and try out a new cocktail from our new Winter cocktail menu.

I just want to let everyone know that if your key card isn't working, make sure you have renewed your membership for 2025 and let your bartender know. I will make sure they are turned on and working as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a Happy New Year!

Warm Regards,  
Kelly Allison, Bar Manager  
American Legion Post 116

## DAILY SPECIALS

### SUNDAY

DOMESTIC BOTTLES \$2.50  
HAZY LITTLE THING \$4.00

### MONDAY

NATURAL LIGHT \$2.50  
SIERRA NEVADA PALE ALE \$3.50

### TUESDAY

MICHELOB ULTRA \$2.50  
CORONA \$3.00

### WEDNESDAY

MILLER HIGH LIFE \$2.50  
STELLA ARTOIS \$3.50

### THURSDAY

YUENGLING \$2.50  
ANGRY ORCHARD \$3.50

### FRIDAY

BUDWEISER \$2.50  
GUINNESS \$3.50

### SATURDAY

BUD LIGHT \$2.50  
PEOPLE'S PORTER \$3.50



Ask your bartender about our **GIFT CHIPS**  
Feeling Groovy?  
Buy a friend a drink!

## MUSICAL MUSINGS & MORE

EVERY LIVE GAME EVERY SUNDAY.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION SUNDAY NFL COOK

EVERY NFL SUNDAY 1-5p

**MONIKA JAYMES**

JAN 11  
7-9p

**MUSIC BINGO**

JAN 16  
7-9p

**TRIVIA**

JAN 17  
7-11p

**MASKELL FREEMAN BAND**

JAN 25  
7-11p

# POST WHISKEY *Rotation*



★  
BLANTON'S  
BOOKER'S  
BROTHERS BOND

BUFFALO TRACE  
EAGLE RARE  
EH TAYLOR

HEAVEN HILL BOTTLED IN BOND  
HENRY MCKENNA

While supplies last

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

**JAN 2** Executive Meeting • 7p

**JAN 14** Rec Room Meeting • 6:30p

**JAN 9** Legion General Meeting • 7p  
Dinner • 6p

**JAN 24** Cornhole Tournament • 5:30p  
Bring your own partner

**JAN 11** Monika Jaymes Performance  
7-10p

**JAN 25** Maskell Freeman Band  
7-10p

Happenings Continued

■ Meetings  
 ■ Eat  
 ■ Clubs/Classes  
 ■ Entertainment

- 1/1/25 - Line Dancing \$10 7-9pm
- 1/3/25 - Line Dancing \$10 6-8pm
- 1/6/25 - Cornhole \$10 7pm
- 1/8/25 Veteran's Peer Support 7pm
- 1/10/25 Line Dancing \$10 7-9pm
- 1/13/25 Cornhole \$10 7pm
- 1/15/25 Line Dancing \$10 7-9pm
- 1/15/25 Veteran's Peer Support 7pm
- 1/16/25 New Member Meetup 6-7pm
- 1/20/25 Cornhole \$10 7pm
- 1/22/25 Veteran's Peer Support 7pm
- 1/24/25 Cornhole - Bring your own partner 5:30pm
- 1/27/25 Cornhole \$10 7pm
- 1/29/25 Veteran's Peer Support 7pm
- 1/31/25 Line Dancing \$10 6-8pm

- 1/2/25 - Executive Meeting 7pm
- 1/6/25 Ways & Means Meeting 6pm
- 1/6/25 Buildings & Grounds Meeting 7pm
- 1/7/25 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 7pm
- 1/7/25 Rentals Meeting 7pm
- 1/9/25 General Meeting 7pm
- 1/13/25 Barbeque Meeting 7pm
- 1/14/25 Rec Room Meeting 6:30pm
- 1/16/25 Cruisers Meeting 6pm
- 1/20/25 Sal Executive Meeting 7pm
- 1/21/25 Auxiliary General Meeting 6:30pm
- 1/22/25 Finance Meeting 7pm
- 1/23/25 Riders Meeting 6:30pm
- 1/27/25 Army Birthday Meeting 6pm
- 1/28/25 Membership Meeting 5pm
- 1/28/25 Sal General Meeting 7pm

- 1/5/25 - NFL Sunday - Sal Cook 1-4pm
- 1/12/25 NFL Sunday - Sal Cook 1-4pm
- 1/19/25 NFL Sunday - Sal Cook 1-4pm
- 1/26/25 NFL Sunday - Sal Cook 1-4pm

- 1/11/25 Monika Jaymes Performance 7-10pm
- 1/16/25 Music Bingo 7-9pm
- 1/17/25 Trivia 7-9pm
- 1/25/25 Maskell Freeman Band 7-10pm



**COMMANDER**  
David Rossner



**1ST VICE**  
Jason Williams



**2ND VICE**  
Malcolm Lewis



**FINANCE**  
Mike Cortez



**ADJUTANT**  
Paul Ferris



**PARLIAMENTARIAN**  
Open



**CHAPLAIN**  
Wayne Sherrod



**HISTORIAN**  
George Broneski

## SGT. AT ARMS



Joey Hagar



Robin Ober



Kevin Poitinger

## OFFICERS AT LARGE



Tony Smith



Kathy Koch



Dan Miltenberger



Mark Millham



Tony Van Schaick



Chuck Feit

Interested in serving the Post? Make sure your membership is up-to-date at: [www.MyLegion.org](http://www.MyLegion.org)



**PRESIDENT**

Margie Worley Wesley



**VICE PRESIDENT**

Sherry Johnson



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Jan Powell

**SGT. AT ARMS**



Tamie Beaulieu



Karen Heath Ter Meer

**OFFICERS AT LARGE**



Audie Smith



Pegge Kapili



Vickie Jenkins



Stacey Glorius Rossner



**COMMANDER**  
Patrick Dunkle



**1ST VICE**  
Jeremy Bielat



**2ND VICE**  
Darryl Robinson

**SGT. AT ARMS**



Colby Thomas



**FINANCE**  
Jason Medhurst



**ADJUTANT**  
Nolan Perry



**CHAPLAIN**  
Nolan Perry



Mark German



## RIDERS DIRECTOR

Chris Stocker



## CRUISERS DIRECTOR

Harold Boettcher

### ★ COMMITTEE CHAIRS ★

**Rec Room:** Sherry Johnson  
**Finance:** Mike Cortez  
**IT:** Jason Williams  
**Ways & Means:** David Rossner  
**Memberships:** Paul Ferris  
**Public Relations:** Dave Avis  
**Buildings & Grounds:** Bob Wesley  
**Rentals:** Jason Williams  
**Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation:** Chris Robinson  
**Special Events:** Ann Romano  
**BBQ:** Lee Johnson  
**Elections:** Tony Smith

**Americanism & Youth:** Open  
**Audit:** Mark Millham  
**Girl Scouts:** Kathy Koch  
**Boys State:** Richard Stancel  
**Student Trooper:** Richard Stancel  
**Junior Shooter:** Todd Wenzel  
**BSA:** Mike Lake  
**Deuce-Big Green Truck:** Norm Klein  
**Welcome:** Open  
**SAL Cooks:** Jason Medhurst  
**Merchandise:** Jenn Fetzke

### ★ HONOR GUARD ★

**Chair, Cmdr.:** Mike Carrieri  
**Honor Guard Captain:** Tony Van Schaick  
**Color Guard Captain:** Norm Klein  
 Joe Kings  
 Mike Hollett  
 Ed Wagner  
 Rich Akelewicz

Jim Hunsberger  
 Al Everington  
 Chauncey Scarbrough  
 Dave Campbell  
 Michelle Graf  
 Wayne Thompson  
 George Guenther

Ken Stallings  
 John Velez  
 Jesse Moore  
 John Lockhart  
 Bill Douglas  
 Tony Van Schaick

# CONGRATS NAVY! ON BEATING ARMY







# PHOTOS ON THE POND





# PHOTOS ON THE POND





# MASKELL FREEMAN BAND

*Acoustic123.com*



## JAN 25 7-10p

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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## THANK YOU

June 25

ECLS Global

Happy's Country Club

Lanehart Electric

Ed's Family Restaurant

Tech Dynamic

J&D Contractor Service

Hands On Physical Therapy

A Clean Look

Wellcare

Undercover Canopy

Davis Home Improvement and

Restoration

Wild Birds Unlimited

US Foods

Crossroads Ford Apex

Prestonwood Country Club

Bentwinds Country Club

MacGregor Downs Country Club

Lochmere Golf Club

Lonnie Poole Golf Course

Edward Jones

Harris Teeter

Harris Teeter

Wingin' It Bar and Grille

Bass Lake Draft House

Aviator Brewery

Carolina Trace Country Club

De O'Brien

Pine Hollow Golf Club

Taylor Morrison Farm Bureau

Perry Cotten Insurance

John Kuzo

Chris Craney

# VETERAN PEER SUPPORT GROUP

## WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Returning to civilian life from the military can be a difficult transition. This peer support group provides our Veterans a private space amongst peers to share their experiences or struggles.

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY  
**7p**

- You do not need to be a member
- Coffee and donuts provided
- Approximately 1 hour



You may park on the right side of Bldg 2 for privacy if desired

# THIRD THURSDAY NEW MEMBER MEET-UP

6-7p



JUL 18	NOV 21	MAR 20
AUG 15	DEC 19	APR 17
SEP 19	JAN 16	MAY 15
OCT 17	FEB 20	JUN 19



**NEW MEMBERS GET THEIR FIRST DRINK ON THE COMMANDER!**

\$10 PER PERSON

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



# 8 COUNT COUNTRY

## LINE DANCING

EVERY WEDNESDAY

7:00 - 9:00 PM

6400 JOHNSON POND ROAD, FUQUAY-VARINA

# POST KARAOKE \* FIRST FRIDAY



7-11p

# POST KARAOKE \* LIVE MUSIC

AMERICAN LEGION | POST 116

THIRD FRIDAY



7-9p

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
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AMERICAN LEGION

POST 116  
GENERAL MEETING

SECOND THURSDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH

DINNER 6p ★ MEETING 7p

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

AMERICAN LEGION | POST 116



PIZZA BY THE SLICE

MONDAY  
CORN HOLE LEAGUE

5:30p

WEDNESDAY  
DART LEAGUE

PEPPERONI \$3  
MEATLOVERS \$4

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION | POST 116



CORN HOLE

EVERY MONDAY  
7p ★ \$10 BLIND DRAW

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
6400 JOHNSON POND RD. FQY-NC